



REMARKS

Applicant submits this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in response to a telephone interview with the Examiner on February 21, 2001.

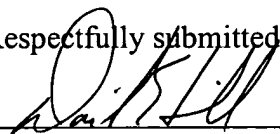
On November 6, 1997, applicant filed a Request for Filing a Continuation Application, which included a Preliminary Amendment making corrections to the specification, some figures, and the abstract, as well as adding claims 183-260 to the original claims 1-2. On March 22, 1999, an Office Action was issued discussing only claims 1-2. On April 23, 1999, applicant, after a telephone interview with the Examiner, resubmitted the Preliminary Amendment for consideration. No further action was received by the applicant.

So, in accordance with the February 21, 2001 telephone interview with the Examiner, applicant herein cancels claims 1-2, and rennumbers claims 183-260 as claims 3-80.

Applicant submits that claims 3-80 represent a novel and patentable contribution to the art and that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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